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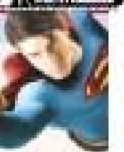
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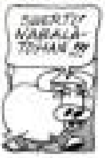
OFWs remit billions of dollars but skip banks

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World Cup fever leaves GMA cooling her heels

By Armand Nocum



'Pope knows about Garci'

Bishop explains 'well done' applies only to death penalty abolition

By Christian V. Esguerra, Armand Nocum and Christine O. Avendaño

THE PAT ON THE BACK and the words of encouragement Pope Benedict XVI gave President Macapagal-Arroyo at the Vatican on Monday drew opposing interpretations from Ms Arroyo's supporters and critics.

POPE/A17

Dark horse emerges in race for new PNP chief

By Luige A. del Puerto

WHO WILL SUCCEED DIRECTOR General Arturo Lomibao as chief of the 115,000-strong Philippine National Police?

DARK HORSE/A6



WELL WORTH THE WAIT: President Arroyo didn't mind waiting for Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi until after Italy edged out Australia for the day's soccer spectacle. When they finally sat down for their one-on-one meeting, the euphoric PM gave in to most of Ms Arroyo's requests to benefit the OFWs in Italy. Here, Prodi escorts Ms Arroyo upon her arrival at the Palazzo Chigi in Rome.

Oliver strikes again; Tito files case, too

By Philip C. Tubeza

OLIVER LOZANO STRIKES AGAIN.

OLIVER/A4

'Talong,' banana in sex ed classes

By Christian V. Esguerra and Alcuin Papa

ONE TEXTBOOK REQUIRES Grade 5 pupils at an elementary school in Pampanga to bring condoms along with an eggplant (talong), cucumber or banana.

'TALONG'/A6

Docs trained to spot, report torture cases

By Blanche S. Rivera

NEXT TIME A DOCTOR PRIES into the cause of your bruises or wounds, don't be surprised.



DRAMATIZING torture by the United Torture Coalition.

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Subic bartender: Lessons on cocktails

By Volt Contreras and Tarra V. Quismundo

FOR TWO HOURS YESTERDAY, THE SUBIC RAPE trial sounded like a crash course in cocktail mixing.



14th WITNESS: Bartending made easy.

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Budget compromise proposed

RETAIN PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO'S spending authority at P1.053 trillion but realign the P64 billion in cuts the Senate made in the proposed national budget to education, health, agriculture, infrastructure and technology.

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'Same offense, same case'

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Dark horse emerges in race for new PNP chief







WHO WILL THE PRESIDENT BLESS? Another contender is someone like PNP Deputy Director General for Administration Oscar Calderon, who's standing (literally) behind her.

Constant companion

Seniority in PMA



DEPUTY Director General Avelino Razon, PNP's

2 MILF commanders eyed in bomb attack on governor

By Luige A. del Puerto

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Loren to SC: Release partial result of recount

By Cynthia D. Balana

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Cops fail to stop marchers

By Margaux C. Ortiz



'Zero tolerance'

SBMA exec denies telling 'Nicole' to accept money

By Tonette Orejas

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Relevance of the ice

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AFP officers may face court martial for coup plot



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Luisita files own petition



SC sanctions 5 erring judges

By Leila B. Salaverria

DENR voids sulfur-laden boat's permit

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GMA dodging new impeachment on a technicality

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Neal H. Cruz

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Still, more than ever, scary

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People power in the parliamentary arena

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Amando Doronila



GMA's 'pasalubong'

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David



Same problems and familiar feelings

LOOKING BACK

Ambeth R. Ocampo



Giving wealth away

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A priest inspired by a young Filipino

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An Everest climb is a climb and a feat to be proud of

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Docs trained to detect and report torture cases

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105 cases documented

OFWs send home billions of dollars but bypass banks

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Bank for OFWs

No bank accounts





Oliver strikes again; Tito files case, too



LEAVING NO DATE TO CHANCE, the opposition led by former Vice President Teofisto Guingona files another impeachment complaint, endorsed by his son Rep. Teofisto III, which is exactly the same as the one filed on Monday.



LOZANO

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Double dead

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Not an Arroyo straw man'

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Endorsement needed

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Complaint never returned

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'Pope knows about Garci,' says Bishop Cruz



LAST STOP IN ROME: President Arroyo pays a courtesy call on Italian President Giorgio Napolitano at the Palazzo del Quirinale.

Elated

Think twice

Ratzinger

Search for truth

Picket 'surprises' GMA

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MILF asks gov't, NPA to talk peace

COTABATO CITY—THE MORO ISLAMIC LIBERATION Front (MILF) called on the Philippine government and communist rebels to return to the negotiating table, saying that a continued war would not settle anything but will only increase the sufferings of the Filipino people.

Irked mayor says loggers would be shot dead



ENVIRONMENT Secretary Angelo Reyes takes part in a recycling program of La Trinidad, Benguet with town Mayor Nestor Fongwan. The program seeks to help in the national campaign to preserve forests and stop the illegal cutting of trees.

Warning system up in Sorsogon villages



NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The public is hereby advised that the following landbased agencies are still suspended for failure to comply with the P1 million escrow deposit requirements as of June 26, 2006.

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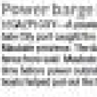
6 drown in Bataan; 3 rescued

ROUNDUP

3 wounded in attack

Power barge burns

No funds for wage hike



2 killed in shooting

E. Pimentel; 61

INQUIRER Northern Luzon

101-year-old lighthouse is Bolinao's landmark

Editor's Note: This is the third of a series of reports on lighthouses in Northern Luzon. The Inquirer is featuring these century-old structures to highlight their importance in the country's northern sea lanes and call attention to their neglect.

By Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes
Bolinao, Pangasinan

FOR 101 YEARS NOW, THE CAPE Bolinao lighthouse stands proud atop Punta Piedra Point in Barangay Patar in Bolinao, Pangasinan, guiding ships and vessels cruising the international passage along the South China Sea.

Nestled amid trees, the lighthouse was built in 1905 by Filipino, British and American engineers. It is one of the five major lighthouses in the country and the second tallest, next to the Cape Bojeador lighthouse in Burgos, Ilocos Norte. It has become a prominent landmark that tourists frequent.

The 30.78-meter (101-foot) tower provides a panoramic view of the blue sea and white beaches, offshore reefs and rock formations, as well as rolling verdant hills. Once in a while, a passing vessel dots the sea, an international route of vessels going to Hong Kong, Japan and the United States.

The 148-step winding stairway of the tower leads to the illumination room, 96.2 m above sea level. According to Pedro Hamada, the lighthouse's head keeper, the lantern is visible 44 kilometers away, guiding seafarers (led toward this area by a lighthouse in Zambales) toward the lighthouse in Poro Point, La Union.

The late Bolinao historian Catalino Caturaoan said the original light machine was manufactured in England, while the lantern, with three wicks and chimneys, was imported from France.

"Filipino machinists were able to copy the original [when they repaired it]. The light machine is rotated by a system of gears like that of a big clock with pendulum of weights, winded and suspended with steel cable," he said.

While the lighthouse has become a tourist attraction by itself, it has failed to do its 'job' of guiding sea vessels at night

Kerosene fuel

The lighthouse was fueled by kerosene during its first 80 years of operation. When the Pangasinan I Electric Cooperative extended its lines to Patar, the lanterns were powered by electricity.

In 1995, the lighthouse was renovated through a loan package extended by the Japanese government to the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), which is in charge of the facility. Aside from repairing and repainting the tower, the assistance included setting up of solar panels, a new apparatus and two beacon lights. The panels recharge the lights.

The lighthouse has also been getting the attention it deserves from the municipal government.

In June last year, Mayor Alfonso Celeste entered into a memorandum of agreement with the PCG to "adopt" the Cape Bolinao lighthouse to ensure its preservation and maintenance, under the PCG's "Adopt a Lighthouse Program."

Under the MOA, the PCG continues to be the sole owner of the lighthouse. It has the right to deny entry into the area during emergency cases and is responsible for the operation, repair and regular maintenance of the beacon light and its supporting mechanism.

On the other hand, the local government will take charge of rehabilitation and maintenance of the immediate vicinity (except that of the beacon, solar panels and other equipment), provide maintenance personnel, and protect the facilities from vandals.

Cultural heritage

The local government is also tasked with promoting the declaration of the lighthouse as a cultural heritage.

Already, the lighthouse compound has been spruced up. The uphill road leading to the tower has been paved through the help of Pangasinan Rep. Arturo Celeste. A view deck has been put up in the area.

The rehabilitation of the administration building and a public bath was funded by the Department of Transportation and Communications.

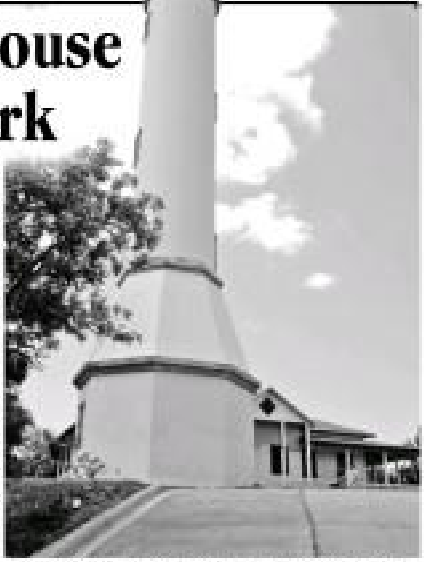
Rommel Caronan, municipal planning and development officer, said a worker assigned by the local government keeps the area clean all day.

While the lighthouse has become a tourist attraction by itself, it has failed to do its "job" of guiding sea vessels at night, Hamada said.

In early November 2004, the beacon lights started to dim until it finally shut off on Nov. 8.

"The batteries bogged down," Hamada said. He has been following up with the PCG navigation command the repair of the batteries that cost about P1 million—to no avail.

"My wish is that before I retire [in October], the lighthouse will be working again," Hamada said.



THE SOLAR-POWERED and battery-operated Cape Bolinao lighthouse atop Punta Piedra Point in Barangay Patar, Bolinao, Pangasinan, which is 101 feet tall.

THE SPIRAL staircase of 148 steps leads to the illumination room.





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Training for QC barangay "tanod"

MMDA launches new complaint service

By Tarra V. Quismundo

Man shot dead after kidnap try

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that the positioning of the hands of the Our Lady of Edsa in Quezon City has a meaning?



Binay, Querol clash on bomb drill timing

By Tarra V. Quismundo

Thailand's political parties face dissolution

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Russia confirms envoys' deaths

Bombs kill 40 in Iraq

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Israel gears up for major offensive on Gaza Strip

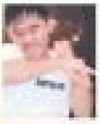
KEREM SHALOM, ISRAEL—THOUSANDS OF ISRAELI TROOPS massed on the Gaza border Tuesday, poised for an offensive to free a kidnapped teenage soldier likely to trigger a sharp escalation in Middle East violence.

Bush slams US media over bank-data report



Chameleon-like snake discovered in Indonesia





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- **Ukraine, Italy** set quarterfinal showdown /A28



PBA levies P500,000 fine on Bulls

UNIMPRESSED BY THE MESSAGE RED BULL tried to make via a near-walkout that marred Game 4 of the Gran Matador Brandy-PBA Philippine Cup semifinals, the league came down hard on the Bulls yesterday, slapping the team with a whopping P507,000 in fines.

Puncher's gloves for Pacqu

Larios' twin chances reduced to one

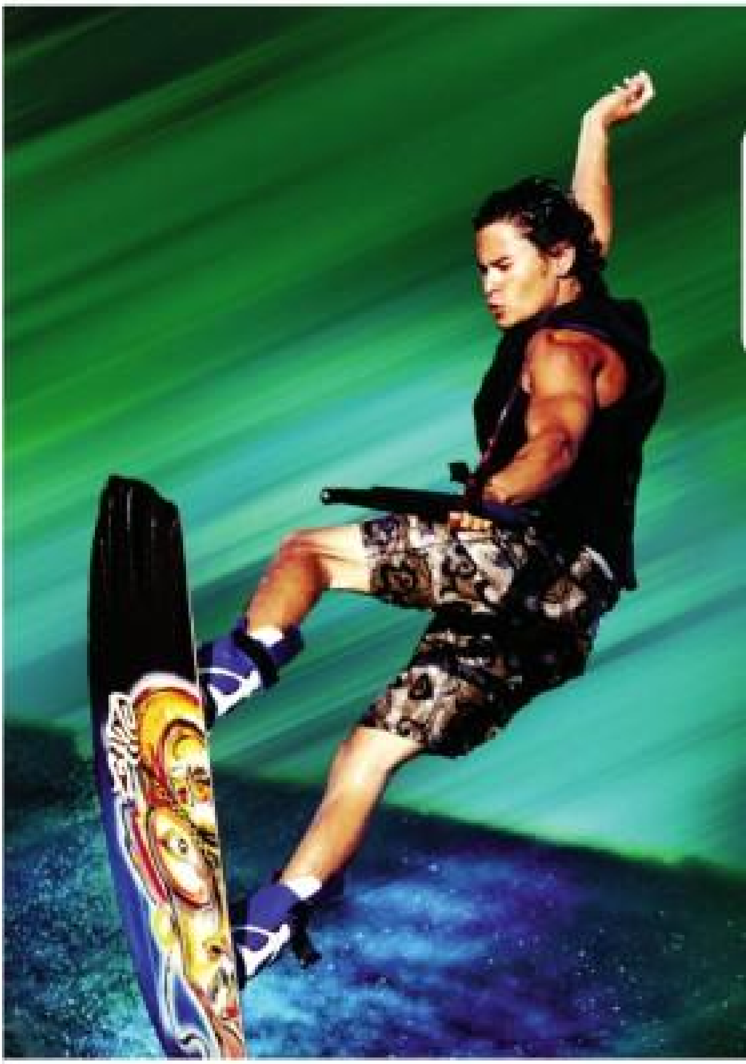
BARE EYE

Recah Trinidad

By Marc Anthony Reyes



PACQUIAO: No slowing down



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Ekwe-Espinas matchup spices up Lions-Dolphins encounter today

PBA levies P500,000 fine on Red Bull

3-way race for Asian F3 team crown

SPORTSWATCH

Pacquiao eyes cocker title

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WORLD CUP

Ukraine, Italy set q'final showdown

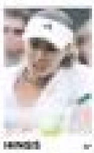


BERLIN—ITALY NEEDED A PENALTY KICK TO EARN A SPOT in the World Cup quarterfinals. Ukraine needed a shootout.



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Hingis, rain make Wimbledon return



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Yeng: An expression of frustration

IN HUDDLE



Beth Celis

ENTERTAINMENT

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INSIDE

Just married
[illegible] That's probably why the groom, [illegible] is standing on his head. [illegible] Page A2-? [illegible]

Kissing cousins
Industry bigwigs Lily Monteverde of Regal and Wilson Tieng of Solar [illegible] birthday celebrant [illegible] on Tuesday ... just by saying hello. Actually, they said more, but they spoke in a "secret" language [illegible] Page A2-? [illegible]



'First row, thank you!'

FIRST PERSON

INQUIRER reporters audition for TV reality talent search

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.
Inquirer

JUDE, 20, A GRADUATING NURSING student, said he was prepared to quit school if he made it to the finals.

Charlene, 20, a salesperson, had given up a full day's pay even if she only had P20 in her pocket.

Mishu, 24, an accounting officer at a supermarket chain, had taken a leave, telling office mates she was applying for another job.

They had a single goal.

But seven hours on Saturday, the three of them—along with about 4,300 other dreamers—waited in the crowded and narrow corridors of SM Manila, suffering the intense noontime heat. They were drenched in sweat, their legs aching. Still, they were raring to flash their sweetest smiles.

It was the first audition day for the "Pinoy Dream Academy" and the next season of "Pinoy Big Brother"—ABS-CBN talent searches.

When finally they stood in front of a four judge, the dream they shared was shortened in less than 30 seconds.

From the thousands who showed up, only about 150 would go through to the next round.

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We were there, too—Margaux, a fellow reporter, and myself—never mind that it was our

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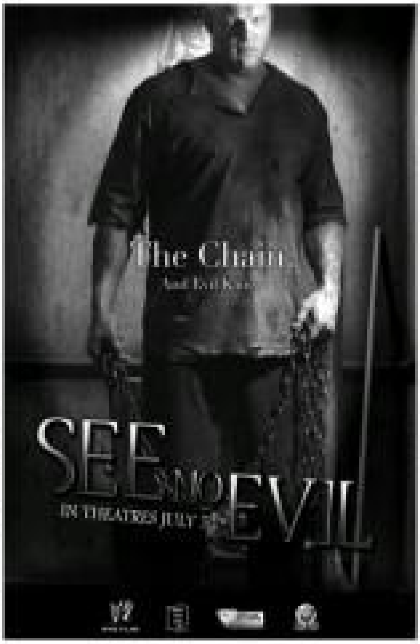


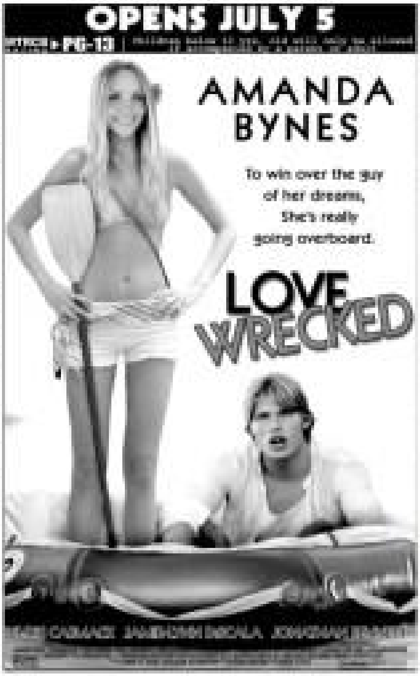
Dr. Reynaldo David, a prominent cosmetic surgeon and owner of Enhance Cosmetic Surgery and Skin Care Center, celebrated his 50th birthday on June 12, 2006 at Wack-Wack Golf and Country Club. Beside him is his special guest, his celebrity model endorser Francine Prieto. Dr. David is admired for his excellence in the field of cosmetic surgery, and has many satisfied patients including celebrities and models. His clinics are located at SM North Edsa Annex Bldg. Basement level and SM Fairview Lower Ground Floor with tel. nos. 920-8203 and 937-6408 respectively.











'First row, thank you!'

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Brisk business

'Faster! Faster!'

Was that a wedding picture or what?

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Back to partying

Dockers Award

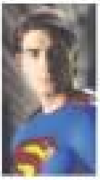
Not gay



PARTY MOOD. Eddie Gutierrez, Rudy Fernandez, Lorna Tolentino and Philip Salvador.

Opening Today

Superman Returns





LAUREN Dyogi, right, with "PBB'S" Richard Reynoso

'First row, thank you!'

Small consolation

> After seven hours of waiting, we were not even asked to introduce ourselves

'Na-Scam Ka Na Ba?' Con artists, beware

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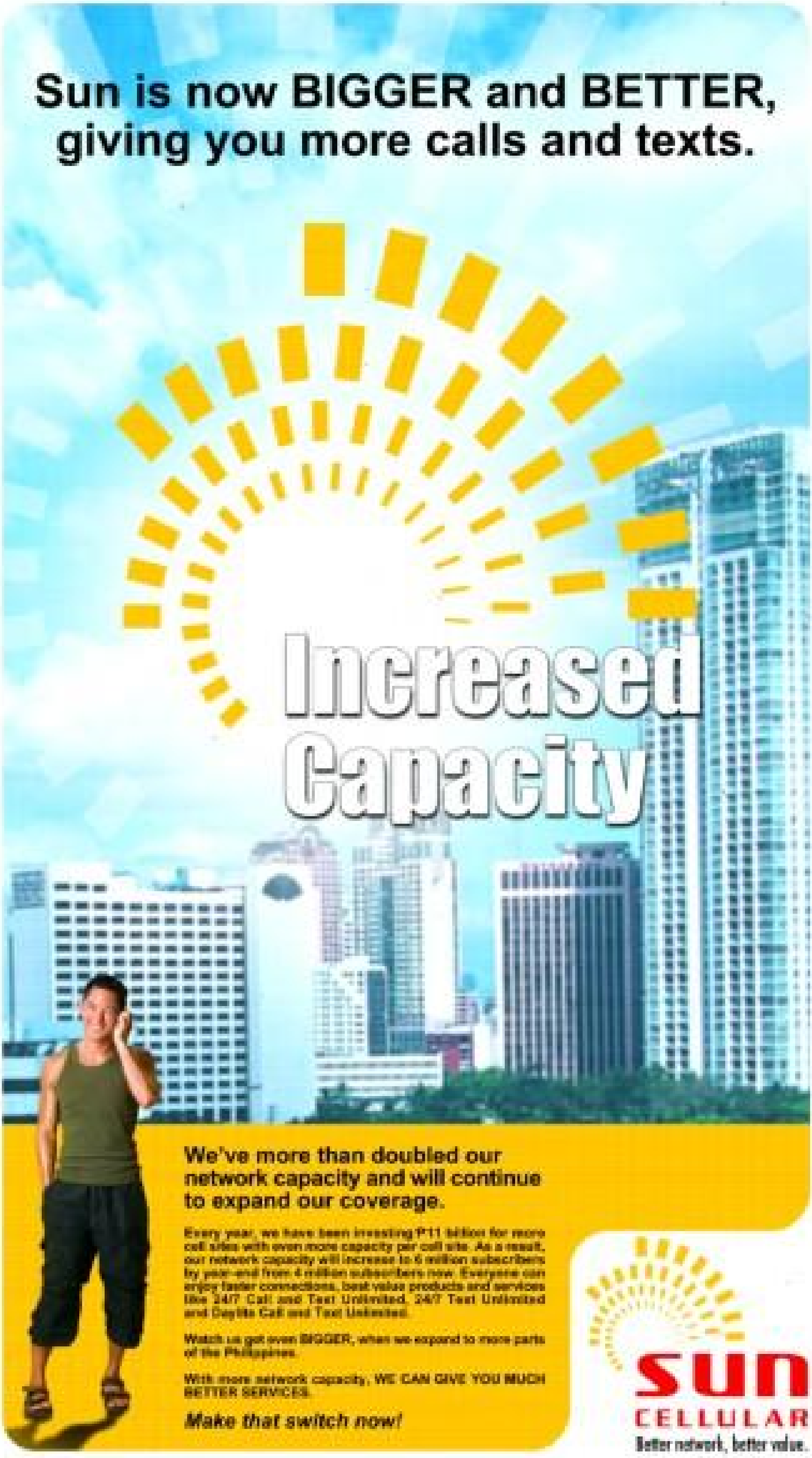
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Mother Lily & Tieng kiss and make up

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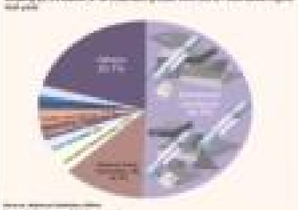
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Imports up 7.4% in April

INQUIRER MONITOR

Total imports up 7.4 percent to $4.42 billion (April 2006, in US dollars)



Drop in manufacturing output baffles economists

By Michelle V. Remo

THE COUNTRY'S IMPORTS ROSE 7.4 PERCENT IN April to $4.42 billion as electronics firms started building up raw-material inventories to meet the increasing global demand for electronics products.

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Compete, don't whine, Smart tells Globe

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Peso closes at year's low of 53.46 to $1

By Doris C. Dumlao

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Imports up 7.4% . . .

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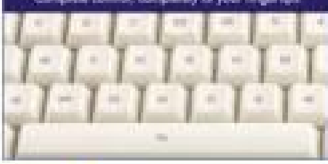
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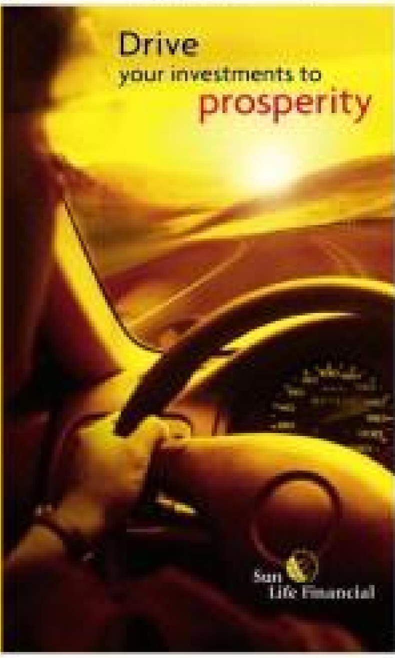
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Broadsheets' diminishing returns

Peso closes at year's low of 53.46 to $1

Compete ...





AEDC presses bid for control of Naia-3

Firms ready to sue gov't if it insists on operating facility, says Yasay

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Round-up

DTI's processing system

Customs to hit target

Briefing for small investors

P&A's taxation book

SGS' new lab

Rules on cash transfers tightened

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS HAS tightened the rules governing the remittance business to cut the costs incurred by millions of overseas Filipino workers when sending money to their families in the Philippines.

Banks, money transfer agents and other remittance service providers are now required to disclose the transfer fee they impose, their foreign exchange conversion rate, foreign exchange spread or mark-up, other commissions or incidental and related charges, and their delivery time, the BSP said yesterday.

"The BSP rule aims at improving the information available to senders of the remittances and the recipients so that they can make informed decisions on how 'best to effect money transfers,'" the BSP said.

"Improved transparency in remittance transactions may provide an incentive for remittance service providers to reduce fees to remain competitive. This in turn would maximize inflows through formal channels," it added.

The BSP said this new requirement for greater transparency formed part of a package of initiatives and measures it was preparing to benefit millions of OFWs and their dependents.

"The banking industry welcomes it because it levels the playing field [between bank and non-bank cash transfer operators], ensures transparency and increases protection to customers," said Raul Dimayuga, president of BPI Direct Savings, a new OFW-focused thrift banking unit of the Bank of the Philippine Islands.

He noted that the BPI group, one of the leading players in the cash transfer business, was already providing these pertinent information ahead of the BSP's new requirement.

"When customers go to our offices, the exchange rate is already posted, even the delivery time and there's full disclosure on the charges that are within our control. If we'll credit the amount to another bank account, we tell customers there may be charges to be imposed by receiving bank," Dimayuga said.

The BSP has observed that the cost of sending remittances to the Philippines has dropped slowly but steadily over the last five years due to stiffer competition, rising volume and technological innovations.

Based on a survey of six members from the banking industry's Association of Bank Remittance Officers Inc. (ABROI), there are four modes of sending remittances: sending to one's own bank account, sending credit to another bank or a local bank, door-to-door service and "advise (bank) and pay."

Palawan eyes P2-B medical center

Province asks DOH for help in solving funding problems

NTC kicks out ANC from channel 27 slot



SEEING ORANGE

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS

RESOLUTION NO.

SO ORDERED.



THIS speedy legislator's BMW 5 will pass by 13 buses before it screeches to a halt.

MOTORING

GOTCHA, 'ZIPPIES'!

'Guesstimates' galore on braking distances



SOME 348 people on board 9 buses will wonder why this black Porsche 911 is in a hurry to stop.

By Tessa R. Salazar

(Second of three parts)

IN A SNAP, INQUIRER Motoring last week estimated the braking distances of two zippy "perps" (short for perpetrators) making short work of a stretch of the 84-km North Luzon Expressway. Here are more speed freaks captured in an Olympus C770 camera attached to the Pro Laser 3 custom speed gun.

The braking distance means the distance traveled between the time the driver steps on the brakes and when the vehicle comes to a complete stop. Take note that this doesn't yet take into consideration the driver perception and reaction time and vehicle reaction time.

The plate numbers have been intentionally blurred to protect the owners of the guilty cars shown here.

For a more intelligent guesstimate, Inquirer Motoring sent the images and the corresponding speeds to Joel Bellew, owner and managing director of Safe Driver Training in Australia Pty Ltd.

The dynamics of stopping

In the simplest possible terms, Bellew and his team explain the dynamics of stopping. For any vehicle, the braking distance is quadrupled every time the speed is doubled. A car running at 200 kph would consume a braking distance four times that of the same car running at 100 kph. Bellew explains this in terms of the equation that Kinetic Energy = 0.5 x mass x velocity squared.

This BMW 5 Series vehicle, owned by a lawmaker caught speeding, was running at 183 kph. At this speed, the lawmaker will only be able to come to a complete stop after 140 meters. This distance is equivalent to 13 full-size buses (measuring 10.8 meters each).

Simplifying calculations

Here, a black Porsche 911 running at 159 kph would have to consume 95 meters—equivalent to 9 buses—before stopping.

As we stated last week, to simplify the calculations, we had to assign some givens: (1) Only the driver is in the car; (2) The car has good tires with correct tire pressures (we assume they do, relative to the luxury class of the vehicles); (3) The car has standard original equipment brakes (not upgraded); (4) The car is running on good road surface in the dry (NLEX roads are world class); and (5) The drivers are skilled (not impaired by fatigue, alcohol or drugs, and not distracted by cell phones).



Inquirer columnist elected Cagi president

INQUIRER COLUMNIST Aida Sevilla-Mendoza was recently elected as president of the Car Awards Group Inc. for the 2006-2007 campaign.

Also elected were Mercedes-Benz Magazine editor Alvin Uy, vice president; Motorcycle Magazine editor in chief and Philippine Star contributor Lester Dizon, treasurer; Top Gear Philippines off-road guru and lawyer Robbie Consunji, secretary; and Manila Bulletin senior reporter and Cruising Magazine and Top Gear Magazine columnist Jen Bagas, public relations officer.



SEVILLA-MENDOZA

Past Cagi president Manny de los Reyes, editor in chief of Speed Magazine and Philippine Star contributor, was nominated as the group's ex officio.

Elected as officers were Consunji, Sevilla-Mendoza, Dagan, Dizon and Uy. They later elected among themselves the president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and public relations officer.

Cagi, a nonstock, nonprofit organization of 27 motoring journalists from over 20 print, broadcast and cyber media outfits, held its elections at the conference hall of Ortigas Home Depot complex in Pasig City.

Attending the elections were representatives from the Inquirer, Manila Bulletin, Philippine Star, Manila Standard Today, Manila Times, Business Mirror, BPN 9 News, Studio 23's Motorbox and Stoplight TV, ABC 5's MP Turbo, RPN 9 Magazine, Top Gear Philippines, Gadgets Magazine, Speed Magazine, Mercedes-Benz Magazine, autoindustriya.com and motioncars.com.

Now on its third year, Cagi institutionalized the annual Philippine Car of the Year (Car-PI) awards that honor the motor vehicles adjudged as the best in their respective categories. The Car of the Year is chosen from the best-in-class winners.



Gov't serviced debts of up to ₱34.3B in Apr

From Jan to Apr, RP paid off ₱360.56B in liabilities



3 companies expected to bid for Maynilad

2bU! to be young · to be you · to be you!

LifeStyle

Editor: Chelo Banal-Formoso · Chief of Correspondents: Pam Pastor



Welcome back, Superman!

By Adrian Dy
2bU! Correspondent

SUPERMAN HAS returned! With what's sure to be a blockbuster summer film, interest in the Superman comics is expected to spike as well. But how do you know which book to invest your hard-earned money on? Let 2bU! and this guide help you decide.

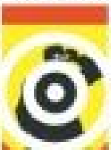


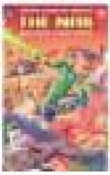
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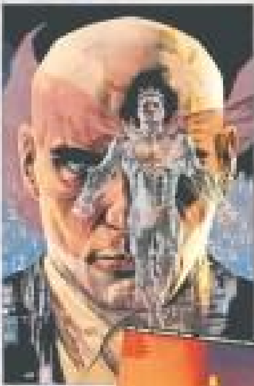
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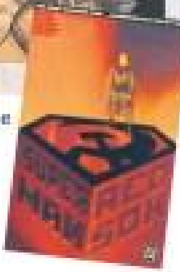
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Best of the rest

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WELCOME/C2





A guide to some of the best Superman comics available out there

Super suit for Superman



Brandon Routh had wanted a 'comfortable' suit, but costume designers told him comfort was not what being a superhero was all about

A BLENDING OF CLASSIC and cutting-edge technology went into designing the costume of the Man of Steel in Warner Bros.' new action-adventure movie, "Superman Returns."







Brandon's intensive workout



Superman movie premiere



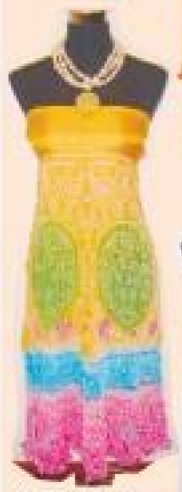


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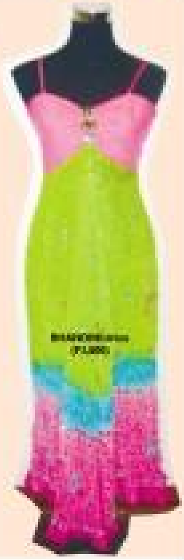




India in Manila







INDIAN FASHION IS QUITE the rage overseas. With its vibrant colors, lavish embellishments and intricate details, Bollywood-inspired fashion has made its mark on international haute couture.





The 'Smart Home' allows for connectivity in the domestic setting, but with a warm touch



Feeling at home—and connected

Utility, practicality











LIFESTYLE



PAO-PAO and the pink tower

Montessori for the masses

Three people with different dreams came together to provide high-quality education to 'barangay' kids

Text by Pam Pastor
Photos by Augusto de la Cruz



THE SHARING area

ARCHITECT ROBERTO "Marty" Perez once helped build a Montessori school in Quezon City. Since then, it had been his dream to create something similar for his own community. Barangay captain Andy Alzunda had plans of building a daycare center for the children in his barangay.

Meanwhile, teacher Pau, a Montessori educator, had [illegible] the goal of working [illegible] of her desire to help mold Filipino children into responsible people.

"But the question was, how do you apply a Montessori way of teaching to a barangay?" Marty said.

Deciding to go beyond dreaming and to start moving, Marty talked to Andy and Pau, [illegible]. The two responded to the idea with enthusiasm.

"Education is one service that you cannot deny. All children have the right to education, and if the barangay can give a high standard of education, why would I say no? It was my dream also," said Andy.

Soon, the three were working on their project. It wasn't easy—they were met with doubts and questions. But they stayed focused on their goal—to provide a Montessori education for the barangay kids at a more affordable price.

The barangay office offered support by giving space and manpower. Teacher Pau trained volunteer teachers for six months.

They also spent a lot of time preparing special school materials—essentials in a Montessori school. Because these materials cost a lot of money—and because a lot of them need to be ordered from the US, the group had to be resourceful. Pau and Marty drew the materials and asked carpenters to make them.

By luck, Pau discovered materials made by "differently abled" people, allowing the school to help both the kids who would use the materials and the people who made them.

The hard work paid off. "If you're really fighting for a cause, [illegible]," said Andy.

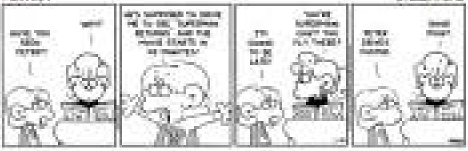
Their three dreams turned into reality in 2005, when the doors of Barangay [illegible] Kindergarten for Literacy ([illegible]) opened its doors for the children in the community.

The school, located in Project 4, Quezon City, offers a Montessori education for kids of preschool age.

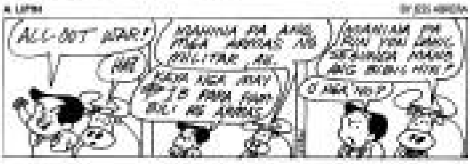
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FOXTROT — BY BILL AMEND

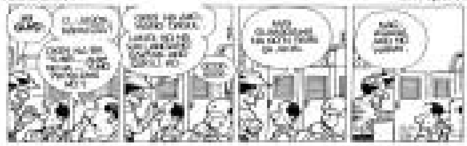


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BABY BLUES — BY JERRY SCOTT



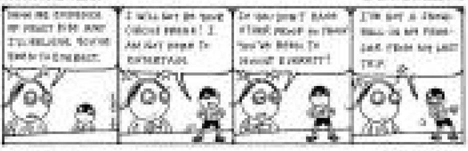


MUTTS — BY PATRICK McDONNELL



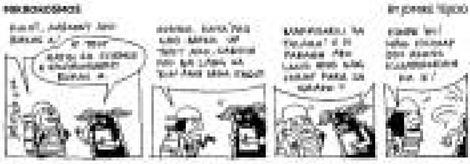
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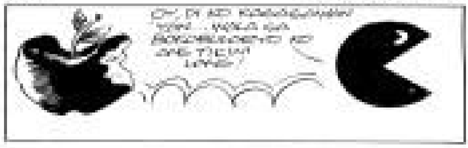


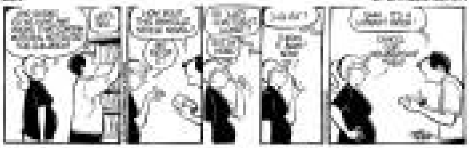




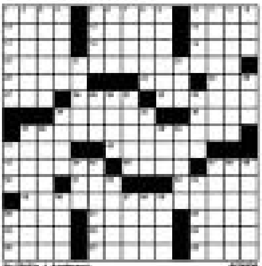


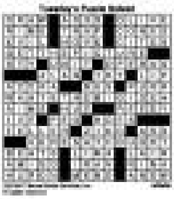






DAILY CROSSWORD





HOROSCOPE

CONCEPTS SU DOKU

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Difficulty Level ★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle


BARANGAY captain Andy with the kids


LEARNING with pencil and paper...


...and with special materials


TEACHER Paz and Boni

Montessori for the masses




ARCHITECT

Holistic approach





DREAM comes true

Model school


A LESSON in opening and closing bottles



How can you change the world of education?





Easy-to-do skincare regimen

Complexion cure-alls



